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COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Procrastination

ALTHOUGH it was made clear after the recent Security Council meeting on the Suez Canal dispute that the onus rested on Egypt to put forward definite proposals for a solution of the problem, President Nasser has continued to procrastinate and a settlement is no more visible now than it was three weeks ago.

It is well to recall that at their private talks in New York, the Egyptian, French and British foreign ministers agreed on six principles, the most important of which, from the Western nations' point of view, was the third which provided that the operation of the Canal should be insulated from the politics of any country.

With those principles agreed, the original Anglo-French resolution to the Security Council was recast; it endorsed the six principles, and asked Egypt for her proposed scheme providing guarantees to the Canal users to be not less effective than those in the 18-Power proposals. That nine members of the Council voted in favour was a moral victory for the 18 powers, and it imposed at least a moral obligation on Egypt either to accept the proposals or produce promptly proposals of her own that would meet the views of the 18 nations.

EGYPT, all too obviously, has been sheltering behind the Soviet veto which was cast in the Security Council; and she has done so without justification of any nature. This was yet another case in which Russia used the veto to prevent a settlement of an international dispute although the issues at stake were of no importance to her.

The Soviet interest in the dispute, as a user of the Canal, is negligible, and at no point in the long drawn-out crisis has the Russian government paid more than lip service to the desirability of a settlement. In the Security Council debate the Soviet representative's contribution was to propose the establishment of a negotiating committee "balanced in such a way as to forestall the prevalence of one point of view." Which can be described as nothing more than a device for perpetuating controversy on the subject.

THE British government, logically and correctly, takes the stand that the only system for implementing six principles agreed upon in New York is that contained in the 18-Power plan; and that the Egyptians, as they have rejected those original proposals, are now under an obligation to produce proposals of their own no less effective. By adopting this position, the British government is fulfilling a world responsibility.

On the Egyptian side the attempt is being made to create an impression of reasonableness without putting anything definite on paper. President Nasser has spoken of his willingness to go to Geneva to meet the heads of the French and British governments, while his political adviser claims that he has already put forward suggestions—but they were to the Menzies Committee.

That is all too vague and imprecise to satisfy those who depend for their economic well-being on the Suez Canal. Moreover, if President Nasser believes he has something to gain diplomatically by delay, he must be well aware by now that he has much to lose economically. Egypt's long-term political and economic interests clearly demand an early settlement that will restore the confidence of the Canal users and enable the waterway to be developed to deal with the enormous potential increase of traffic.

SECURITY COUNCIL TO HEAR CRISIS TODAY US Reaffirms Pledge

Washington, Oct. 29. President Eisenhower and top military and diplomatic officials agreed tonight that the United States would honour its pledge to assist any victim of aggression in the Middle East.

The Presidential press secretary, Mr James

They also agreed at an extraordinary White House meeting that America would lay the Israeli attack on Egypt before the United Nations Security Council tomorrow morning.

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1950, and the United States plans, as contemplated by that declaration, that the situation shall be taken to the United Nations Security Council tomorrow morning.

"The question of whether and when the President will call a special session of the Congress will be decided in the light of the unfolding

situation."

The White House conference began at 7.15 p.m., a few minutes after the President returned from a day of campaigning in Florida and Virginia. The President was informed of Israel's invasion of Egyptian territory when he was in Jacksonville, Florida, this afternoon.

JEWS IN BIG DRIVE ON SUEZ

Swift Advance Follows Attack On Border Posts

19 MILES FROM CANAL

Tel Aviv, Oct. 29.

Israeli forces today overran Egyptian frontier posts and thrust forward in a swift 81-mile advance which took them to within 19 miles of Suez.

The swift advance through rough desert country carried them to the west of the Nakhl road junction, about 70 miles from the town of Suez, at the southernmost end of the Canal.

They bypassed large Egyptian army bases as they pushed forward and a later report said they were about 19 miles east of Suez.

Israeli forces which include armour and mechanised troops were reported to have advanced towards the Suez Canal area on 28-mile front.

A large part of the Egyptian Army is reported to the Sinai Desert equipped with modern Russian tanks.

OBJECTIVE

An Israeli Government spokesman asked whether the wording of the army communiqué on the latest position of Israeli troops implied the occupation of the Suez Canal.

A high Israeli source said flatly: "This is no reprisal. It is too large an operation to be described as a reprisal."

"Nor is this war," he added. "This is too small an operation for war. There is no bombing and no artillery."

An Israeli Army announcement about today's assault said it followed Egyptian military attacks on Israeli lines of communication on land and sea which were designed to cause destruction and to disrupt the peaceful pursuits of Israel citizens."

NAVAL MOVEMENTS

Ras El Naqeb, one of the first targets of the Israeli attack, is an Egyptian stronghold about seven miles north of the northernmost limit of the Gulf of Aqaba.

Its seizure frees Israel's southernmost outpost of Elath on the Gulf of Aqaba from the threat of Egyptian occupation, military experts said.

Israeli military reports earlier today said an Egyptian naval flotilla, consisting of two destroyers and a number of other craft, had been sighted moving due north in the eastern Mediterranean.

The appearance of Egyptian naval vessels in these waters relatively close to the Israeli

ISRAEL ACCUSES EGYPT

Tel Aviv, Oct. 29.

Israel today accused Egypt of resuming Commando raids on Jewish territory, following the decrease in tension in the Suez Canal situation and indicated that this was the reason for today's attack.

"With the conclusion of the Security Council's deliberations, Colonel Narmer felt himself immediately free to authorize the Fedayeen units to renew their incursions into Israel territory."

"Within the last week 24 Israeli casualties in dead and wounded were caused by mines planted by the Fedayeen in the Negev territory."

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TROOPS IN CYPRUS ON THE ALERT

Nicosia, Oct. 29. British and French servicemen at an air base near Limassol were reported to be "on the alert" today as the tense Middle East situation deteriorated.

Increased British Naval activity in the eastern Mediterranean has been reported.

Most ships of the Mediterranean fleet had sailed from Malta to take part in a "communications exercise" in this area.

Royal Marine Commandos in Malta have been told they must be ready for departure within 24 hours of receiving sailing orders.

A French cruiser and submarine sailed from Malta yesterday after a short visit.

BAN ON ISRAEL

All British aircraft were advised today that Israel had been declared a "prohibited area," a Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation spokesman said in London tonight.

The spokesman said that the following notice was issued by the Ministry to all British aircraft: "Civil aircraft flying to Tel Aviv will contact Tel Aviv control prior to reaching the Israel control area, and will proceed to Tel Aviv as directed by the air traffic control."

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BRITISH CABINET TO MEET

Sir Anthony Eden received the news of the Israeli attack on Egyptian positions as he was giving a dinner for the Norwegian Prime Minister, Mr. Einar Gerhardsen, who is here on an official five-day visit.

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the foreign secretary, was also informed at the dinner, officials said.

Two hours earlier the British Government had "declared it was disturbed" at the possibility of a breach of peace in the Middle East area.

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HK Men May Sign \$10 m. Contracts

By ROBIN HUTCHISON

Hongkong businessmen visiting Canton next month for the exhibition of Chinese Export Commodities expect to sign contracts worth \$10 million, I learnt yesterday.

These orders will be placed by at least one delegation of members of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. Individual members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce are also expected to visit Canton to buy Chinese goods.

A spokesman for the Chinese General Chamber told me yesterday that its delegation would be interested in a wide variety of goods but most of their orders would be for building materials.

The Colony has in recent months been importing growing quantities of cement from the mainland for its booming building programme.

ACCENT ON CHINA

A report last month said that in July and August, Canton had supplied almost 50 per cent of the cement consumed in the Colony.

These imports have affected chiefly Japanese imports.

Imports of Chinese cement began early this year following a visit to Canton by a delegation of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce last year to set up a sales organisation in the Colony.

This year's exhibition of Chinese Export Commodities will begin on November 10 and will continue until January 9.

I understand fewer Soviet and East European products will be on display next month and the accent will be much more on Chinese products.

Vienna, Oct. 29.

Bitter fighting raged tonight in Budapest and it was reported Russia sent in Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan to back up Soviet determination to keep troops in Hungary.

Hungarian rebel forces announced defiantly they would not surrender "because no one can believe in Communism promises."

Soviet and Hungarian army tanks, troop carriers and lorries laden with food and medical supplies and ambulances rushed through the city among the shouting crowds.

All over the city black mourning flags for the thousands killed in the seven days fighting hang side by side with the green-white-red Hungarian national banner, many with the Communist emblem cut out of the middle.

Fierce fighting took place in Budapest on Monday, Hungarian rebels were still holding out in an Army barracks in Budapest as Soviet tanks and guns pounded the buildings in

poisonous smoke.

Eye-witnesses said the fighting was fiercer than yesterday and the insurgents were jumping on tanks and lobbing hand grenades into the turrets.

The barracks are in Buda on the west bank of the Danube. Pockets of insurgents were still fighting on the banks of the river in Pest, which lies on the other side of the Danube.

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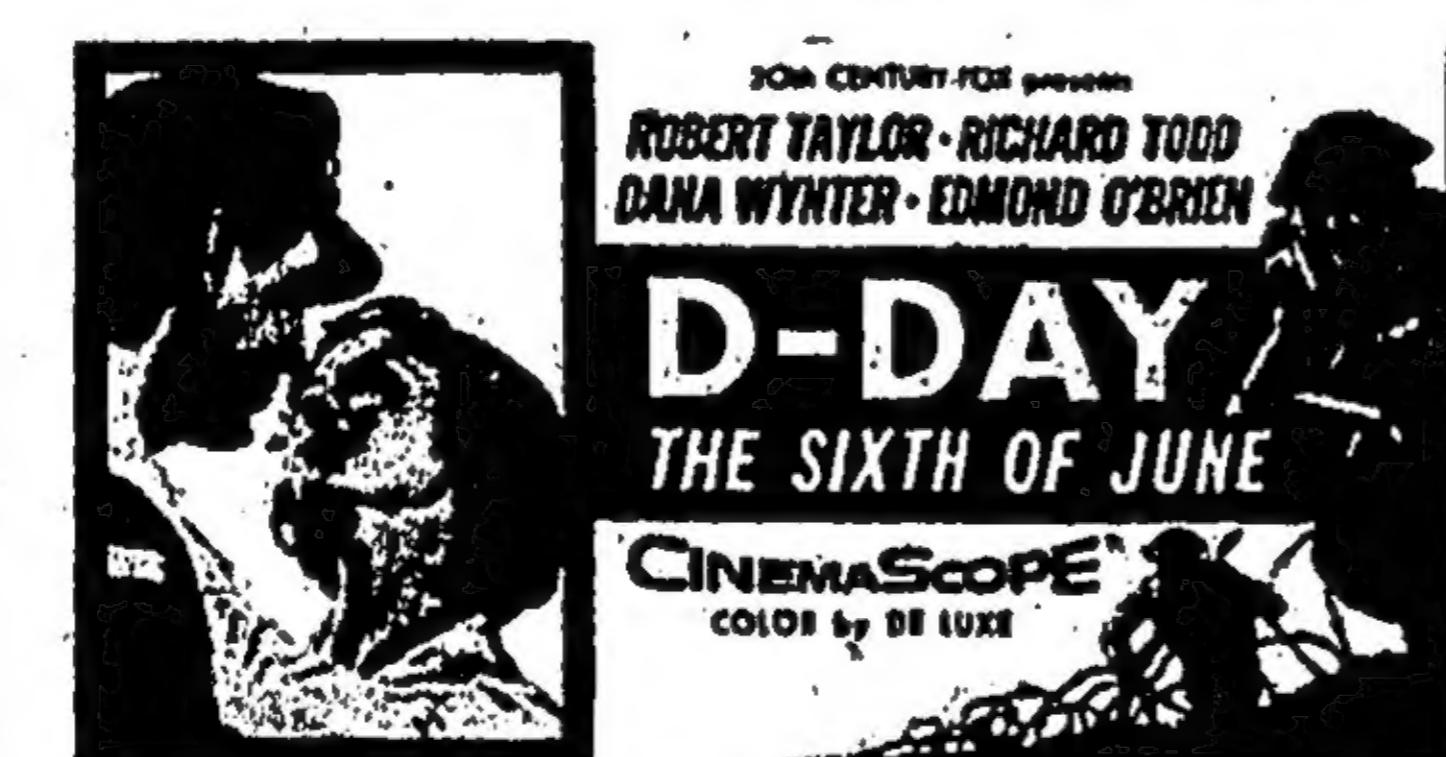
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INDONESIAN ALLEGATIONS

AGAINST DUTCH

Smoke Screen Throw
Over Subversive
Activities Left Behind

Djakarta, Oct. 29.

Indonesia today charged the Dutch with trying to "throw a smoke screen over the subversive activities they have left behind in Indonesia."

At the same time the Netherlands formally complained about an attack on Netherlands property by Darul Islam rebels to whom the Dutch have been charged with giving support.

The new Indonesian charge was in reply to Dutch leaders who last week attended the "mock trial" of Dutch nationalists and charged that there was "lawlessness" in Indonesia.

Create Impression

The official spokesman of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Sutijo Kusumahwagdo, said the Dutch were "currently trying in every way possible to throw dust in the eyes of the people of the world" and "create the impression that they had not been guilty of subversive activities against the legal government of Indonesia."

However, in fact the Dutch had tried "through diplomatic channels and subversive activities" to maintain their rule in Indonesia or "at least play an important part in Indonesia's political life."

The spokesman referred to recent press reports that Dutchmen had been lending Darul Islam funds on raids in West Java.

Use Good Offices

The Dutch complaint was delivered to the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Sandroli, by the Netherlands diplomatic representative Mr. Herman Hagenauer in the form of a note.

Referring to an attack by members of the Darul Islam on the Netherlands diplomatic mission's bungalow at Puntjak south of Djakarta on October 20 the note requested the Ministry to use its good offices to prevent similar occurrences in future.—Reuter.



FAURE DESIGNATED

Paris, Oct. 28.

M. Maurice Faure, Secretary of State of the French Foreign Ministry, will be put in charge of Tunisian and Moroccan Affairs, in addition to his present duties after the resignation of Secretary of State M. Alain Savary, it was learned here today.

M. Savary, whose resignation will not be officially announced until Wednesday, was formerly in charge of Tunisian and Moroccan Affairs.—France-Press.

Tel Aviv, Oct. 28.

An Israeli army spokesman said tonight that a well in the north of the Gaza region was destroyed today by the explosion of a time bomb.

The spokesman said the well was situated near a point where several groups of Egyptian commando-saboteurs were intercepted last night.—France-Press.

Most of the supplies were being sent to the Austro-Hungarian border by rail and road to be transferred to Hungarian vehicles.

In Belgrade President Tito of Yugoslavia today called for a halt to the bloodshed.

He made the appeal in a letter to the Hungarian Communist Party in his capacity as Secretary-General of the party in Yugoslavia.

He called the people of Hungary not to renounce the Socialist construction and to re-

WORLD RALLIES
TO AID HUNGARY

Vienna, Oct. 29.

Aircraft, trains and lorries passed through Vienna today carrying medical supplies, food and clothing for the victims of the bloody insurrection in Hungary.

The Royal Air Force was at work airdropping the major consignment to Vienna—70 tons of medical aid and food worth £26,000 sterling from British bases in West Germany. British sources said further supplies above the original 70 tons would probably follow.

Most European countries also sent relief supplies to Vienna, where Red Cross volunteers took over the Buerger Theatre to collect and dispatch the supplies as swiftly as possible.

Tito's Appeal

Two Hungarian planes left here last night with the first consignment of three tons of blood plasma. The Hungarian authorities reported today that it had been distributed to Budapest hospitals.

Television cameras will be set up by the crossing, consisting of a large number of railway tracks crossing a city street, and will transmit a picture to the signal box which is situated some distance away and out of normal eyesight.

The signalmen will operate the closing or opening of railway crossing to street traffic as the cameras show the tracks to be engaged or free.

This system will, it is hoped, give quicker working than ordinary signals. Because there is a complex network of track over the crossing a simple and quick acting system of signals is difficult to arrange.—China Mail Special.

East Germans
Told To
Bide Time

Berlin, Oct. 20.

Dr. Otto Suhr, the Governing Mayor of West Berlin, tonight told the 1.8 million Communist-ruled East Germans not to let themselves be "provoked" into fitting their strength against Soviet divisions.

"Restrain your unrest," Dr. Suhr told them in a radio broadcast on the events in Poland and Hungary.

"Let Ulbricht (The East German Communist chief) continue to shiver. The marionettes will disappear. They are no longer their old selves."—Reuter.

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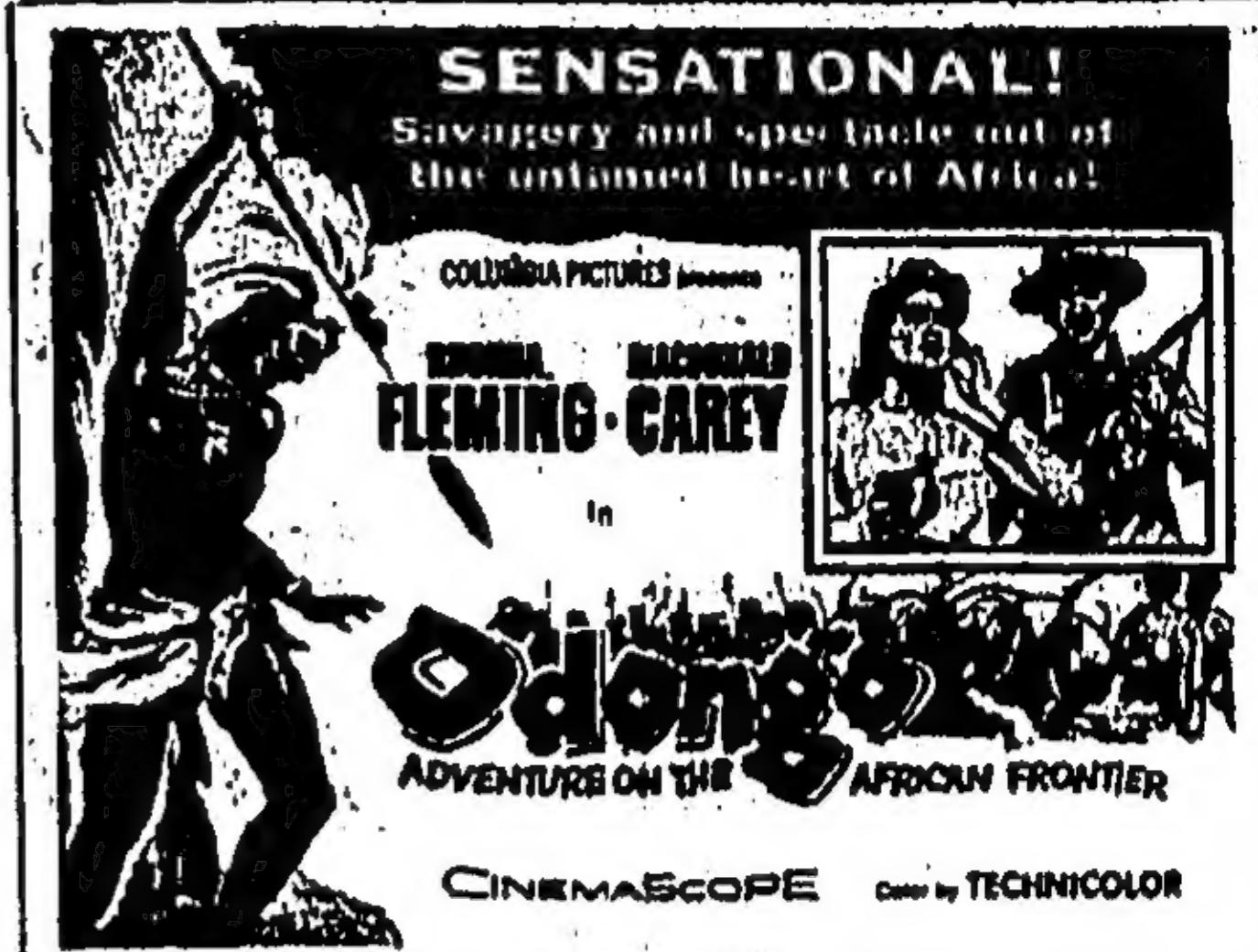
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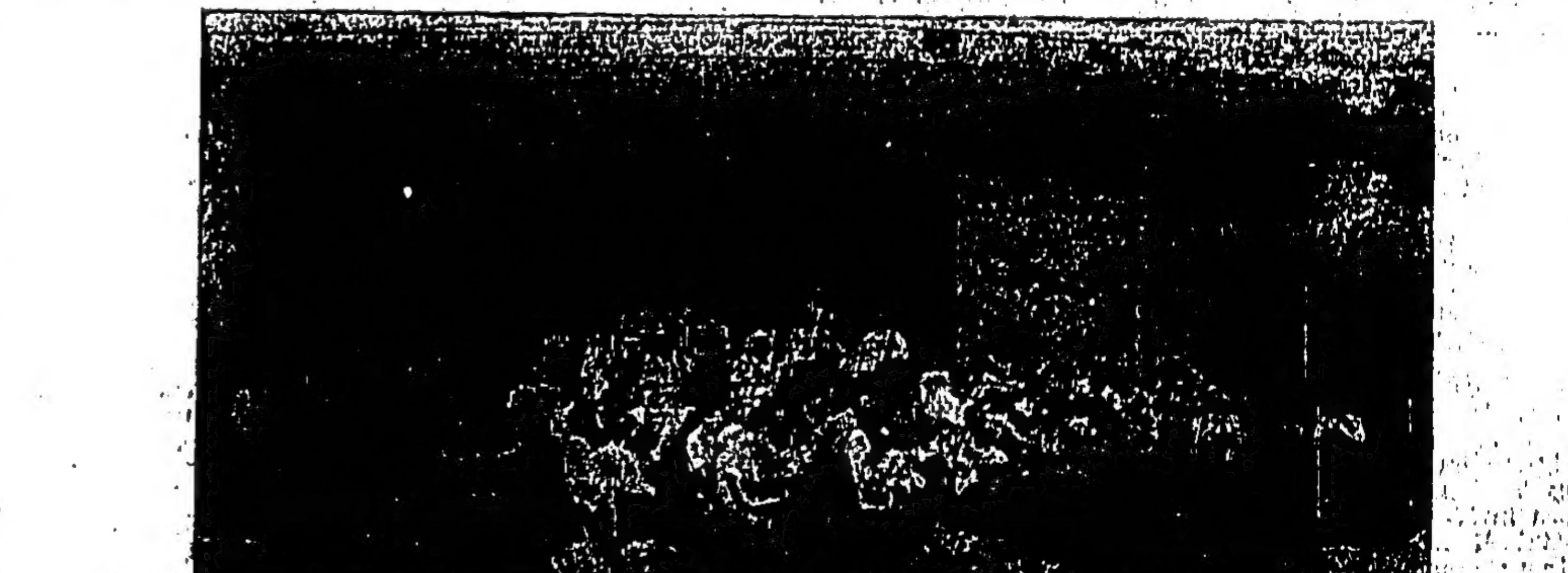
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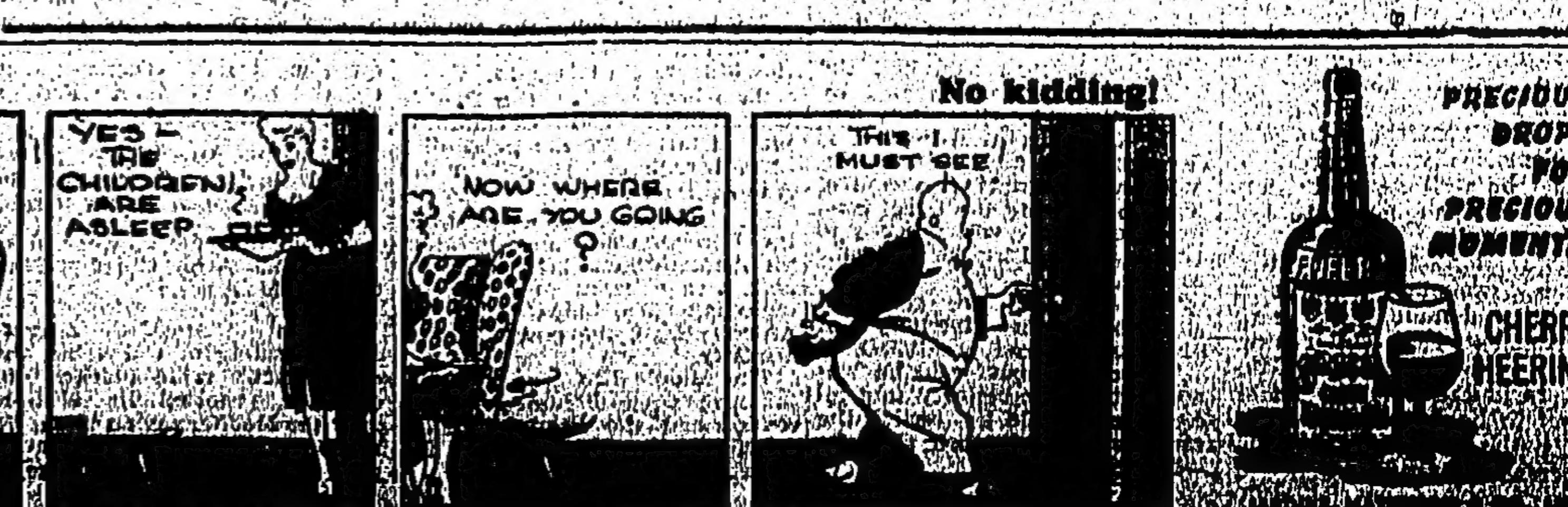
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Further Arrests Of Singapore Unionists

THE MATCH IS
120 YEARS OLD

Karlsruhe, Oct. 29. The household match celebrates its 120th birthday about this time—but nobody in the country where it was invented knows the exact date.

The match was invented by a political prisoner, Ludwig Kummerer, who was imprisoned in the dungeons of Hohensperg castle near here. He spent his time in random chemical experiments and stumbled on the principle of the phosphorus and sulphur match by accident. —China Mail Special.

Israeli Minister
To Visit
France And UN

Paris, Oct. 29. The Israeli Foreign Minister, Mrs Golda Meir, will fly into Paris on a four-day visit next Sunday. Israeli Embassy officials said today.

She will be on her way to attend the United Nations General Assembly meeting in New York.

A two-day conference of Israeli ambassadors in Western Europe will be held here during Mrs Meir's visit, the officials said.

LONG TALK
She is also expected to have talks with the French Foreign Minister, M. Christian Pineau. M. Guy Mollet, the Prime Minister, had a long talk with M. Pineau today on the international situation. Usually well-informed quarters said the Middle East was one topic of their talk. —Reuter.

House Built
Around A
Telephone

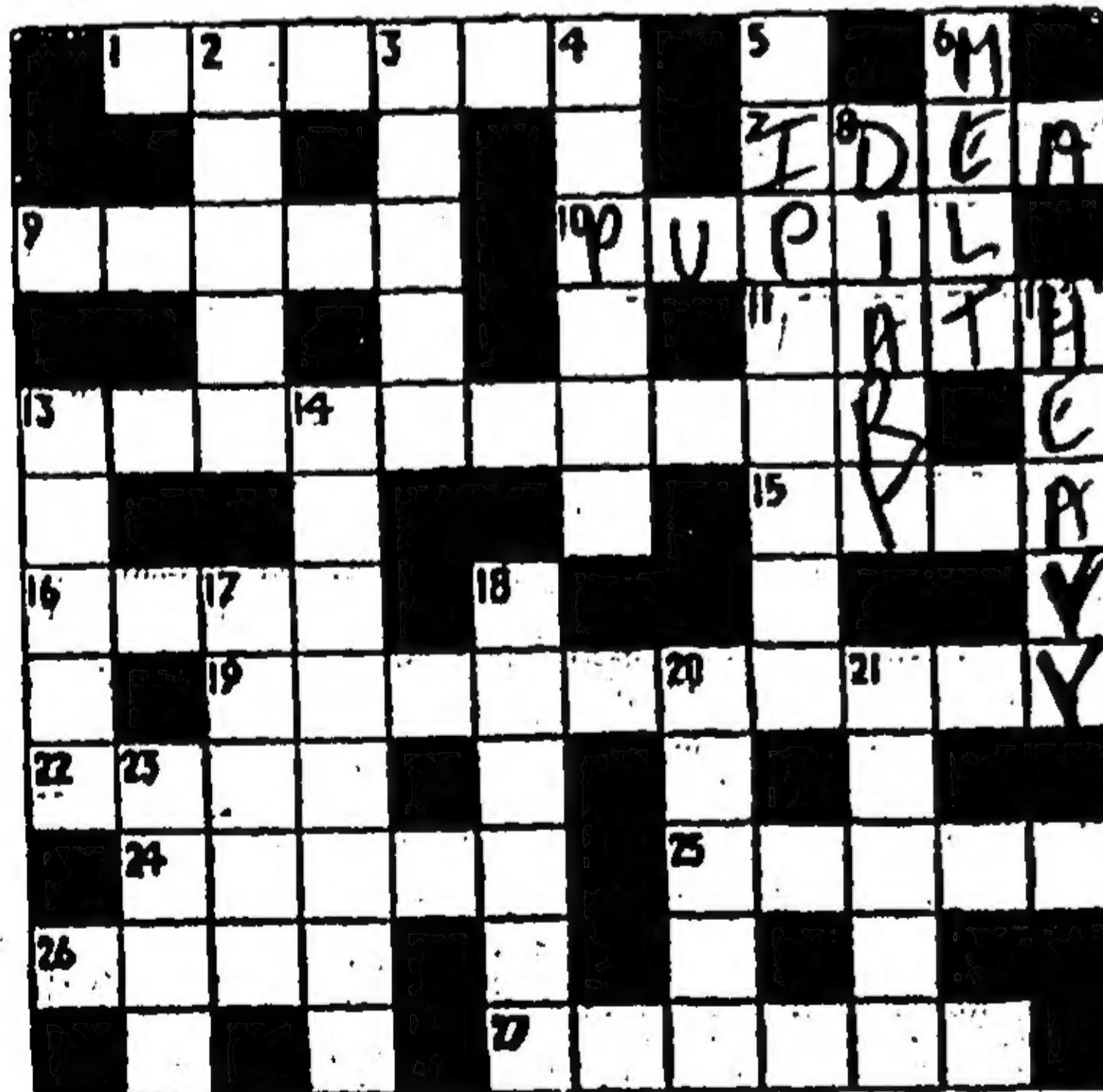
Pietermaritzburg, Oct. 29. An impish couple, Mr and Mrs Kru Falcom, have learnt not to regard the Post and Telegraph Department as being slow.

Recently they decided to build a new house and, knowing the delay usually incurred in obtaining a telephone, they applied to the post office before the builders had set to work.

But for once the department was on its toes and shortly afterward a construction gang arrived to install a telephone in a house, feet from the

The telephone was put in position and a mud shelter constructed round it until the house was ready. —China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Calling, 4. Grime, 7. Notion (4), 9. Enthusiasm (6), 10. Scholar (5), 11. Strip of wood (4), 12. Wrongdoer (10), 13. She's in the Army (4), 14. Exclamation of impatience (4), 15. Cape (10), 16. Italian coin (4), 17. Benefactor (6), 18. Commanding (6), 19. Exploited (4). Down: 2. Month (5), 3. Ledge (5), 4. Portray (6), 5. Man of fact (6), 6. Thaw (4), 8. Personal record (6), 12. Weighty (6), 13. Exemplary power (6), 14. Alleviate (6), 17. Protective garment (6), 18. Smear (6), 20. Observes (6), 21. Supposes (6), 23. Object of worship (4), 24. Refrain (4), 25. Hurry (8).

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MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS LOST THROUGH RIOTS

Singapore, Oct. 29. Police opened fire about 10 o'clock tonight at the Chinese Chung Cheng High School, one of the two places where Singapore rioting began last Thursday night.

An official statement said that a volunteer special constable guarding the school saw at least one person trying to break in by climbing over the fence.

Police opened fire.

The statement described the incident as minor and said it was one of two that had occurred today.

Constable Attacked

At 9 a.m. a volunteer special constable had been attacked by five youths, one of whom had a bicycle chain. He was arrested, the statement said.

The Government announced arrests in Singapore under public security law now installed 250.

It said 35 had been arrested early this morning. It were officials of the left-wing Bus Workers' Union, four from the left-wing Factory and Shopworkers' Union and ten others from organizations affiliated with these left-wing bodies.

Another victim of rioting had died bringing the official total of deaths in rioting since Oct. 23 to 13.

A government statement said 21 people had been arrested for breaking the curfew and ten others detained for other reasons.

Of the ten detained for other reasons, five had later been released.

Very Quiet

At midday police said Monday in Singapore had been "very quiet" day and night.

The curfew would be lifted at 6 a.m. tomorrow (Oct. 30) and will be reimposed at 6.30 p.m. tomorrow evening.

But police warned it may be reimposed immediately at any time during the day if the situation demanded it.

Bus services were expected to resume services tomorrow for the first time since last Thursday. Schools will remain closed.

Businessmen today estimated that four days of rioting and curfew had cost Singapore "many millions of dollars."

COINS IN A GERMAN FOUNTAIN

Bremen, Oct. 29. Coins tossed into one of the fountains of this north German city have paid for an outing for 70 orphanage children.

In 1949 drivers at a cab rank by the fountain put a pair of ornamental fish into the water to give them something to watch between trips.

Passers-by started throwing coins to pay for the fish's food. But though the fish multiplied to a total of about 100 there was still more money than was needed to feed them.

So the taxi drivers arranged a day trip on the river for the orphanage children, with transport to and from the starting point — the fountain — in 21 shiny black taxis, all paid for with the coins in the fountain. —China Mail Special.

Beer Starts And Puts Out Hotel Fire

Wellington, Oct. 29. A beer bottle caused a fire in a Blenheim hotel bedroom and then the contents of the bottle extinguished it.

A bottle of beer had been left in the corner of the bedroom and the sun struck through the bottle and set fire to the wallpaper.

The heat then built up a pressure inside the bottle and the frothing beer extinguished the flames but not before the wall had been burnt, the floor charred and a shoe on the floor almost completely burnt away. —China Mail Special.

Chicago, Oct. 29. Five-year-old heiress Robin Sher will receive 50 dollars a week until she is 17 and 100 dollars a week for the rest of her life, according to the terms of her father's will.

Robin's parents, Mr and Mrs Harold Sher, and her sister, Lynn, aged 13, were killed in a motor car accident on August 22 near Fairmont, Minnesota.

Robin, who has been the centre of a custody dispute among relatives, has been placed under the charge of her maternal grandparents, Mr and Mrs Samuel Zitman. —China Mail Special.

Rebels Charged

Meanwhile in Paris the five Algerian rebel leaders were charged today with undertaking the demolition of the army and the nation with the object of arming the national defence.

The offence is classified as treason by the French penal code, and carries a death penalty. —France-Press.

UN To Debate French Complaint

United Nations, Oct. 29. The United Nations Security Council met today to examine a French complaint against the Egyptian Government.

There were no objections to placing the question on the agenda. The Council decided to invite the Egyptian representative at the United Nations to participate in debate on this question.

The French complaint charged that an arms-smuggling yacht, alias, edited by French authorities of Algeria as it was carrying aid to the rebels had been loaded in the Mediterranean port of Alexandria.

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KEIR HARDIE—THE REBEL IN POLITICS... CHAPTER TWO THE MINER DECLARER WAR ON THE LEADERS

By Emrys Hughes

HARDIE was a regular attender at the miners' union meetings. He could read and write and express himself better than most, and his earnestness and sincerity won the confidence of the older men. So they soon put him in the chair.

At that time the miners were weak and the meetings poorly attended. But in 1870 the danger of a cut in wages grew, and the meetings got bigger. He soon got his first chance to address a large gathering.

Hardie spoke his simple words quietly and earnestly, with few gestures. The theme of his speech was that they must stand together and become organised. There was a sense of meeting following the men, and at one he was elected secretary.

The next day the follow told the news had reached the colliery manager. Hardie was down the pit in the cage when stopped and brought to the surface again. Captain, the manager told him to come out.

"Well, hardie, you're a hardie," said the manager. "We'll have you down at Hardie's in this pit," he said.

Hardie's two young children were sacked. His name went on the black list, and there was no more work for him in the Lanarkshire pit.

A STRIKE.

Luckily he was not quite down and out at the time. The family had to leave the Company's house and move a few miles away, but he had saved enough money to start a small shop in the front room, and the miners rallied round him. He remained.

The trouble in the miners' soon came to a head when a reduction of 15s. a day in wages was announced. Many men were still outside the union, and Hardie doubted a strike could be successful—but one was called.

Once the decision was taken, Hardie did everything he could to help. There were practically no funds in the union, and the officials pledged themselves to the shopkeepers to buy potatoes for the soup kitchens. After twelve weeks the employers

have in and the men returned to the pits.

After this he became secretary of the Ayrshire miners, with the task of building up the union until it was able to ask for higher wages.

His reputation as a rebel had come before him. The men gathered to hear him speak at the pithead, and the owners sent their henchmen to break up the meetings. He became accustomed to threats of physical violence, but he did not lack coolness and courage. It took courage, too, for the men to stand by him because they risked being victimised, and this meant not only losing their jobs but their houses as well.

DANGEROUS

It was dangerous in some places even to ask Hardie in for a meal. Once after a meeting, a miner arranged for him to sleep in his house, just before they were going to beat a gutter. Hardie stayed the night, there would be no job for the man in the morning. Hardie understood and tramped the twelve miles across the miners' border.

Their claim for a 10 per cent increase was rejected in August 1881, and a strike followed. For the first time the Ayrshire men came out together. The strike lasted ten weeks until cold and hunger drove them back. But a month after the owners decided they could afford a strike after all.

The miners' meagre funds were exhausted, and after the excitement of the strike, apathy set in. They could no longer pay Hardie. He had broken his links with Lanarkshire and had brought his young wife and her child to live in a room and kitchen in Cumnock. Another child was expected and he had no hope of getting work in the pits. They were right up against it.

Then came a stroke of luck. His minister, who acted as district correspondent for a local paper, was forced to take a long holiday. Knowing Hardie wrote shorthand, he asked him to deputise—a job that, in fact, lasted four years until in 1886

gramme to fight for when they get there."

He proceeded to outline the programme. It included payment of MPs, adult suffrage, free education, nationalisation of land, railways, mines and mineral right, a legal eight-hour day, a national insurance fund, compulsory erection of houses for working people, direct taxation and abolition of all taxation on food.

Hardie had become an avowed Socialist. He had declared open war on the old leaders and was advocating an independent Labour Party to replace the Liberals.

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TOMORROW:
The Turning Point



MAN OF AMBITION IN A TENT OF SIGHES,
WHERE HE MAKES THE GIRLS EXCLAIM—

'Please, Mr Presley, sign my back'

by
PETER DACRE



On the fingers of his left hand were two gold rings, one with black sapphires, the other topped by a diamond horseshoe.

"Mr Presley," I said, "do you know the sensation rock 'n' roll music has caused in Britain?"

He surveyed himself in the mirror. "No, sir, I didn't know. I heard my records were going well over there, though."

Rock 'n' roll

I ASKED him if he had heard that there had even been riots. A radio man pushed forward. "I'm from station WELD," he said. "Will you give us an interview about that, Mr. Dacre?"

I said it was my job to get interviews, not to give them.

"Mr Presley," I continued, "can you explain the success of rock 'n' roll and your singing?"

A young girl dashed up, touched Presley's three-inch sideburns and dashed out screaming: "I touched him."

Someone else thrust a lip-stick into his hand and pleaded: "Please, Elvis, autograph my back."

Presley obliged with a grudging flourish.

"Mr Presley," I said, "about this rock 'n' roll." "Oh, yes," he said. "He roared at his mass of hair. "I wish his hair was like this," I explained.

"I like it. I wouldn't be human if I didn't."

From the open-air theatre came an announcer's voice:

"We've got 500 National Guard and police here, so let's have no trouble. And please keep away from the stage. The last show some of them got burned, some of them were crushed—but none of them got Elvis."

Screams 'n' bangs

THE warning was justified. From the moment Presley had entered the theatre in his white Lincoln Continental (he also has four Cadillacs, a Messerschmitt runabout, and a motor-bicycle) the tension had mounted.

"Say, Elvis," said someone, "will you have your picture taken with the governor?" He put his arm round the governor and said: "If I ever leave this business I'll go into politics."

"What'll you run for?" someone asked.

"The city limits," replied Presley.

I led Presley back to the corner and said: "Mr Presley, what do you think of your success now?"

"I don't ever think about it, except sometimes when I wake up in the morning and say to myself 'Has this really happened to you?'"

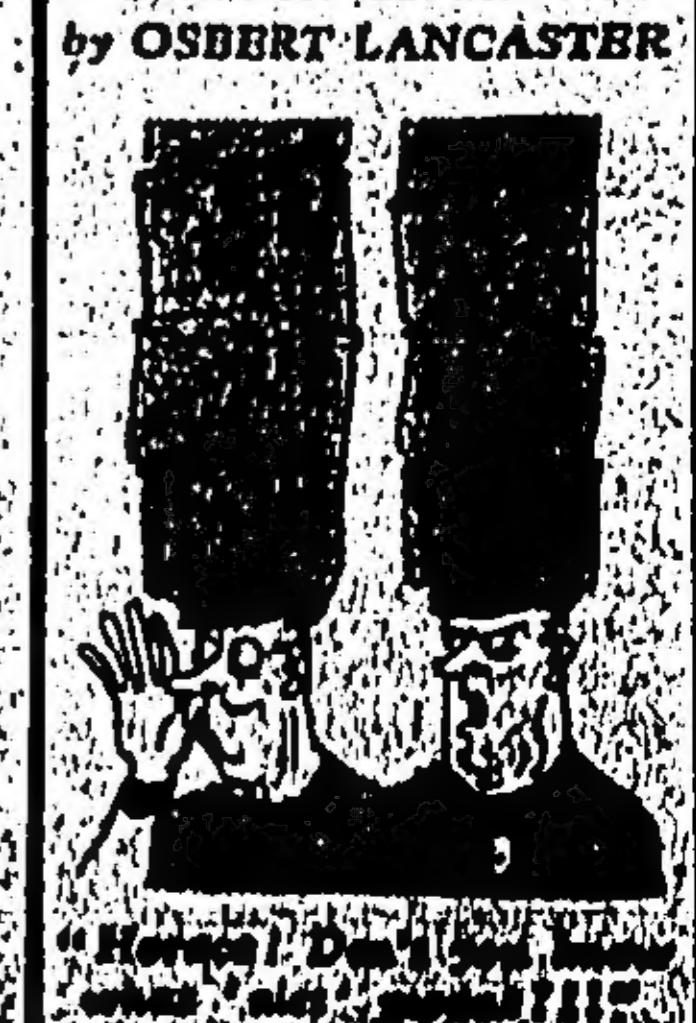
"Mr Presley..." I said, "A man pushed a young girl forward. "Say, Elvis, you remember Leonard's daughter."

"Sure," said Presley. "Elly."

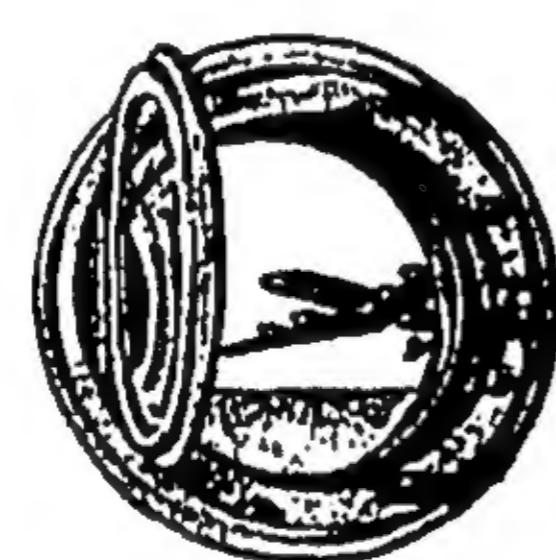
He hugged the near-fainting girl.

I left and went out into the comparative quiet of 5,000 competing teenagers.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



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HOW much in hard cash are you worth to your husband? I've spent a week talking to successful men, and to men who are set on success, and I've come to a startling conclusion.

If you are an average wife you are worth just about £30 a week less than his secretary!

I can almost hear the walls of indignation going up now from the wives who never spare themselves—hard at it all day with the cooking, the care of his wardrobe, the shopping, the running of his home.

But let's face facts. The easiest thing in the world for a man without-a-wife is to find himself a loyal efficient slave of a house-keeper who will minister to his creature comforts for £30 a week plus her keep.

A LIABILITY

So far as his business is concerned—and it's a good 80 per cent of a successful man's life—the average wife does not rate as an asset. At times she is a positive liability.

Listen to what a big business man said to me a few days ago. "By God, I'm not going to let my wife get a

SYLVIA LAMOND discovers that it is probably less than his secretary

fit of complaining—about me staying late at the office, not paying her enough attention, or bringing a certain associate, she leaves home to dinner. I hate this kind of tension—but I know how to solve it.

"I give her £20 to go and do some shopping—and then we have some peace for a bit."

I decided my friend understood women, and told him so.

"Not at all," he said. "He has the greatest respect for them—in business.

His secretary is a magnificent asset. She reminds him that the client he's talking to has that day fancied her. On his grapevine, she keeps his Christmas card list up to date, she brings his pills with his tea, takes work home, types like mad.

I began to hate that secretary. Mainly on behalf of the wife.

And that was when I began to realise that the real value of a wife lies in how actively she helps him to get on in his business.

All that house-keeping, stuff you can do, we must do our best to make her feel.

Among a dozen men I've talked to, who count their wives as their best friends, there's one

success, only one mentioned that she was a good cook, not one said she was a good mother.

• Sir Robert Watson Watt, wartime pioneer of radar, said: "Since I met her I am a totally different person. I was an awkward, silent, unsociable scientist."

"I don't know quite how she did it. But she makes me feel that what I have to say is interesting to everybody."

• Sir Charles Colson, said: "How many wives only want to know 'How much can I spend?' No man in his right mind would discuss business problems with a mind like that."

"My wife learned about money and the making of it at the beginning of our marriage, and we've never had any nonsense with housekeeping allowances. She draws on our joint account just as she wishes—and I have to force her to buy her first fur coat."

• Oswald Miller, chairman of big group of stores, said: "A wife is only a positive asset if she treats her husband's work as a part-time job for herself."

If you want to know your personal rating, who would be nearer to without the one you're in bed with?

But if you're married to a husband who's a

This Funny World



"Daddy, would you give me an advance on my allowance so I can lend George enough to take me to the movies?"

• BY • THE • WAY •
by Beachcomber

A HIGH COURT decision that processed sardines sold singly before 3.25 p.m. on a Sunday do not constitute refreshments endorses the general opinion that they certainly are not refreshments.

The biscuit

DEAR SIR,
What nonsense Mr Garsington talk! It was not Nature which gave the giraffe a long neck, but the urge for survival. By stretching up for millions of years to procure food, it gradually increased the length of its neck, as we know from history. The neck is still growing, imperceptibly, of course, just as the tails of cows are getting longer as flies increase. As for the pygmies of Papua, they do quite well as they are, according to travellers. If they became tall, they would get out of hand. Dwarfs have their part in the universal economy. Keep the biscuit for biscuits, so that, by increasing their size, we could facilitate the work of scientists by making them visible to the naked eye.

E. H. Croft-Armitage.

• JACOBY
ON BRIDGE

No-Trump Play
Is Illusive

By OSWALD JACOBY

PUT yourself in the East seat in order to defend against three no-trump in today's hand. The correct defensive play may surprise you.

South wins the opening lead with the king of hearts and leads the jack of diamonds. West, your partner, plays low, and dummy likewise plays low. This permits you to win the second trick with the queen of diamonds. What do you do?

If you return your partner's suit, you will get in where your best chance is to safety to clubs.

The average player would return the queen of clubs, and thus would allow South to make his contract. Dummy wins with the king of clubs and the defenders

NORTH 30

♦ Q8
♦ Q84
♦ K9853
♦ K94

WEST

♦ 9874
♦ J1093
♦ A74
♦ 83

EAST

♦ 1052

♦ 7052

♦ Q6

♦ A43

SOUTH (D)

♦ AKJ3

♦ KAK

♦ J102

♦ 10782

North-South vul

South West North East

1 N.T. Pass 3 N.T. Pass

Pass

Opening lead—♦ J

After Boubou Flaring in a two-piece hat.)

Nothing to do with me

A nameless postcard asks

what I propose to do about

the merging of the 18 Malayan inuries.

Well, there are many

courses of action open to me,

I might protest. I might appeal

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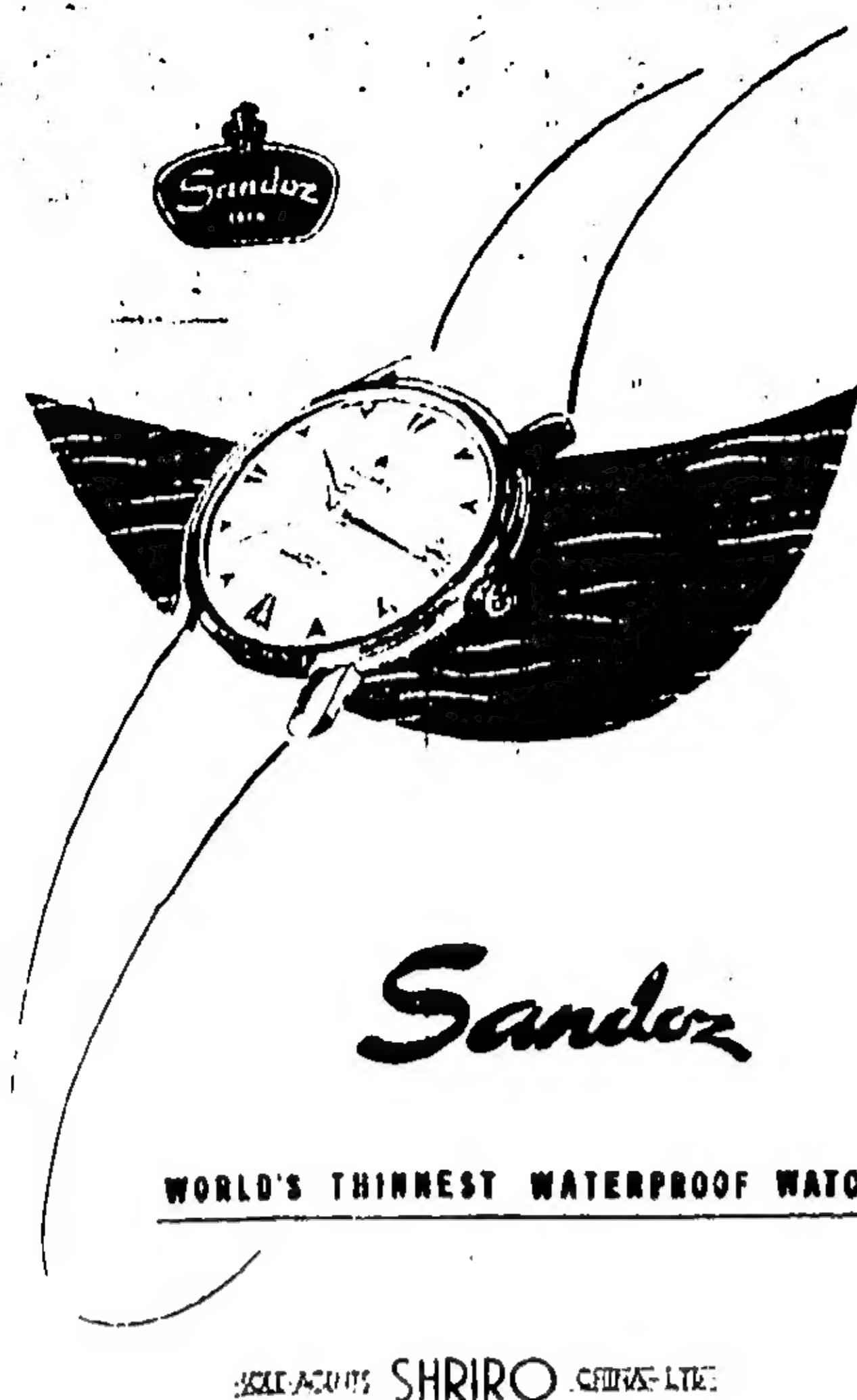
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THE BURGESS STORY

Should the POST-HERALD print it?

THE Foreign Office has requested an interview with Mr. Tom Driberg to learn from him the details of his extraordinary meetings in Moscow with Guy Burgess.



The Foreign Office wants to know. Yet the question is being asked. Should the *Post-Herald* print Mr. Driberg's story of Guy Burgess—the first authoritative story of the flight to Moscow of the Mission Diplomats?

Some people are saying that Burgess is a traitor and that, therefore, anything he says should be ignored.

Even the B.B.C.'s "Any Questions?" programme debated the problem "Was it imprudent for a British citizen to associate with Guy Burgess in Moscow?"

The *Post-Herald*'s answer to all these points is simple: IT'S NEWS.

It is five years since Burgess and Maclean left England. Nearly all that has been so far written about their case has been speculation. Only now has one of the two principals involved given his version of what actually happened in this astonishing affair.

The story that Mr. Driberg has completed will prove absorbing to all shades of opinion.

As remarkable as the escape itself are the revelations of the influences which were at work before, during, and after the war in some of the most respected British institutions, including the B.B.C. and the Foreign Office.

The *Post-Herald* has no sympathy with the activities of Guy Burgess or Donald Maclean.

The *Post-Herald* has no sympathy with the policies of Mr. Driberg.

But the *Post-Herald* fully agrees with Mr. George Scott, editor of the Right-Wing weekly review *Truth*, who said on the "Any Questions?" programme: "As a journalist he [Mr. Driberg] has nothing but my envy for the story he has gained in Moscow, and I believe in it not just as a newspaper story, a scoop, or something like that, but something of the utmost value to us all."

That explains precisely why the *Post-Herald* is enthusiastic about the Burgess story. The completed story will total some 40,000 words. Each fact has been checked wherever possible against the record. Each revelation is being compared with previously known history.

The final result, first instalment of which the *Post-Herald* will proudly publish next Sunday, will be—NEWS.

Make sure of your "Post-Herald"
Next Sunday

THE GAMBOL



BOOKMAKERS LOOKING FORWARD WITH CONFIDENCE TO THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE

By CLAUDE RICHARDSON

Another round of this season's campaign between the punter and the bookmaker will be staged tomorrow, with the running at Newmarket of the nine furlongs Cambridgeshire Handicap, second half of the "Autumn Double."

The bookmakers, scarcely marked by the success at 20 to 1 of Prelone in the Cesarewitch, the first half, must be looking forward with confidence to Wednesday's set-to. History is on their side, for the Cambridgeshire bears a sad reputation as a graveyard of punters' hopes. No favourite has been successful for 28 years.

Thirty-eight of the original 100 entries are still in to race for stake money of £4,410, of which the winning owner will gross £3,782.

With a big field likely, the luck of the draw for places at the start always a factor in this all-out gallop up the broad Newmarket Heath, will doubtless play an important part in the play.

A glance at the results of recent Cambridgeshires brings the name of Pat Beasley to the eye. Yorkshire trainer Beasley has saddled the winner three times since the last war—Sterope in 1948 and 1949 and Jupiter in 1953. As usual he has two prominent candidates—Lady Helinda Dugdale's Money to Burn and Mr. W. H. Harrison's Pierian Springs, both three-year-olds.

Money to Burn, a speedy filly of some class, bred by The Phoenix out of Grandpa's Will the mare who threw the 1952 Cambridgeshire winner Riebel, has won her last two races in racing style. A strong young rider, Paul Tulk, has been engaged to take full advantage of her light-weight of seven-and-a-half pounds and she obviously carries much stable and public confidence, nine to the filly has headed the betting for some time.

FIRST FAVOURITE
Pierian Springs, a colt by the 1948 Derby winner Danile, was first favourite for the race, but fell from favour through a couple of failures. He showed signs of a return to his best form by scoring in a minor race at Redcar, Yorkshire, just under a fortnight ago, and he will have stable jockey Joe Sime in the saddle.

Few horses have succeeded in winning the Cambridgeshire in successive years, but Lady Zulu Werner's Riebel seems to have a bright chance of adding to the number. The four-year-old, by Court Martial, is up 15 pounds in the weights compared with last year, but this may not stop him on the form shown in an impressive win over the course and distance on October 4.

SECOND TIME
No horse has ever won under his burden in the 110 years history of the race, but the French colt Sayani carried nine-stone four pounds to victory in 1946, and Sterope matched this when winning for the second time.

As a four-year-old Riebel's task in terms of weight-for-age is less than that accomplished by the three-year-old Sayani ten years ago. Rae Johnstone, who was concerned in that triumph, will ride Riebel on Wednesday.

Riebel was nick-named "Boiling" (after a French clown) as a yearling because he was such a funny little chap. The lop-eared young son of Nearco nearly died from blood poisoning, but he grew up to a full-blooded strength which enabled him to win the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot and Newmarket's Champion Stakes last year.

After a lean time this season, Riebel II won an all-weather race at Longchamp on October 18. He won by three lengths, but

his rider could have made it 20 had he wished. "I don't think he has even been better," trainer Alec Head said afterwards—but it is to be noted that not all French opinion agrees that near-favouritism is a fair reckoning of the colt's chances in the Newmarket handicap.

The third American-owned contender is Mr. Robert S. Clark's grey filly Blue Rose, who won her first race only a few days ago, but is by no means out of it. Judged on her third to Alexander in the Royal Hunt Cup at Royal Ascot in June, similar young apprentice Ray Williams claimed a five pounds allowance, reducing Blue Rose's weight to only six-and-a-half stone.

Turk's Blood and Swept, second and third last year, are there again, with Swept appearing to hold the better chance on a facile victory over ten furlongs at Newbury this month.

There has been some inspired money for Mountain Music (by Rockefella), bought of Edward Head, the successful Cesarewitch jockey, who is one of the most consistent horses in training—he has been unplaced in only one of a dozen outings this season—and the five-year-old Coronation Year (by Pettion), who has been given a new lease of life by the application of soft green soap and Stockholm tar to the bad tendons which threatened to keep him off the track for good.

Newmarket trainer Jack Jarvis has a bright chance with the Clarion III filly Alibamella, a good-class animal who will be ridden by Peter Robinson, victor on Riebel last year.

Alibamella has won three good races this year, and has only seven-stone eight pounds to carry, but there is some doubt about her staying power over the vital last furlong.

FINAL RECKONING

Pat Beasley's pair, Pierian Springs and Money to Burn, cannot be left out of the final reckoning. Perhaps Pierian Springs may prove the better now that he seems to be coming back to form.

Swept, mount of apprentice Norman Hill, and Blue Rose may be the biggest threats to another Beasley victory in his specialised race.

The British Racehorse Owners' Association have joined in the campaign to curb the activities of bookmakers in England.

In their report at the annual meeting in London they have suggested, as a means of raising money to help racing, that all betting should be through the Racecourse Betting Control Board, the "Tote" operators.

The only place for bookmakers in this plan would be as agents for the tote, on the course only, paid by "a fair and proper commission."

In an alternative plan the Association suggested that on-course betting should continue as it is now, with tote and bookmakers, but all off-course betting should be steered through the tote. Yet another suggestion was that the present betting system should continue, but cash betting off the course should be legalised to be dealt with solely by the tote and its authorised agents.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

European Free Trade Decision Expected Shortly

INDUSTRIAL AND POLITICAL CIRCLES IN FAVOUR

From RONALD BOXALL

London, Oct. 29.

Consultations between the Government and the various interested parties on the proposal that Britain should join the projected European free trade area are nearly completed and Mr Macmillan is expected to make the final policy decision very shortly.

That decision is almost certain to be affirmative. There may be opposition from some isolated pockets of protectionism on both sides of industry, but the general view in political and industrial circles is that Britain should align herself with the free trading group of countries, subject to suitable safeguards.

The powerful Federation of British Industries has not yet reported its views to the Government, but Sir Graham Hayman, its president, indicated the line these would take when he addressed Federation members in the highly industrialized northwest region.

Followed Lines

Significantly Sir Graham's arguments followed closely along the lines of those expounded two days later by The Economist, a journal which consistently argues the merits of free trade and wholeheartedly supports the present European move.

Both Sir Graham and The Economist argue from the standpoint that Britain would run far greater risks by remaining outside the free trade area than by joining it.

Sir Graham said: "If we refuse to associate ourselves with this plan we run the risk of a serious degree of exclusion from a great and growing market on our doorstep which in time might also develop into an increasingly potent competitor in the Commonwealth and other markets."

The Economist must point out that if European countries succeed in their plans for establishing a common market and Britain stayed completely outside these it would mean that nothing against German greed in Europe would come down while trade against British goods stayed up.

See Eye To Eye

Advocates of European free trade, the Journal of Trade, are not running after a will-o'-the-wisp but have, in a specific "the picture is that terrifyingly solid one" and sufficient Germans establishing an unchallengeable hegemony over the export markets of the Continent."

Sir Graham and The Economist also see eye to eye on another of the arguments involved in the much wider debate on the subject of free trade. Both have emphasised the difference between the situation now and that which obtained when free trade was last a live political and economic issue.

The industrialist pointed out that the proposal must be considered in the light of the radical changes in world conditions and trade and not prejudged by reference to the position in the 1920s when Britain was practically the only free trading country in an increasingly protective world. Today the position was reversed and Western Europe in particular was moving away from protection towards greater freedom of trade.

The journal goes farther back into history to make the same point. The 19th Century problem it says, was whether Britain could afford to remain a free trading nation while all its competitors were protectionist; the 20th Century problem is whether Britain can afford to have other countries stay protectionist against British goods while they become free trading nations among themselves.

Passed Over

Significantly Sir Graham and The Economist both passed lightly over the possible effects of British participation in a European free trade area on present imperial preference arrangements.

Sir Graham was naturally concerned that nothing should be done to weaken the link between British industry and the Commonwealth which takes about half of their exports. The Government, he said, accepted this and supported assumption that imperial preference need not be radically disturbed.

But he made it plain that British industrialists are not entirely happy even with present arrangements. Imperial preference, he said, was turning out to be handicap rather than advantage.

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Oct. 29. The No. 1 RSS rubber futures contract today closed 80 points higher with sales of 17 contracts.

December 35.30

The spot contract closed 50 to 100 points higher with sales of 152 contracts.

January 34.15

March 34.15

July 34.45

September 31.95

November 31.45

Standard contract closed 50 to 80 points higher with sales of 45 contracts.

December 34.00

January 33.90

March 33.80

July 33.80

September 33.80

November 33.80

Terminal market strength reflected the sharp rise at London, plus a scarcity of shipment offerings and speculative buying and short covering.

Because of the Singapore rioting, receivers reported extremely light shipment offerings at "terrifically high" prices. Some numbers one cents.

November shipment were reported done at 33 cents a pound, cost and freight, with further unsatisfied buyers. Factory buying in the delivered market, however, continued light although the sharp price rise brought more inquiries.

Spot No. 1 RSS was quoted nominally at 34 1/4 cents a pound.

Singapore rubber prices were unavailable this morning.

United Press.

LONDON

The market was firm with spot quoted at 28 5/10 pence per lb.

Prices: No. 1 RSS spot Settlement house term: 28 1/4-28 1/2

Dec. 28 1/4-28 1/2

Jan./Mar. 28 1/4-28 1/2

Apr./June 28 1/4-28 1/2

July/Oct. 28 1/4-28 1/2

General markets, cif basis: Nov. 28 1/4-28 1/2

Dec. 28 1/4-28 1/2

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AMSTERDAM

The market was steady. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif November as follows:

No. 1 rubber 2.73 buyers

No. 2 rubber 2.72 room.

No. 3 rubber 2.70 room.

No. 1 crepe 3.40 buyers

—United Press.

LONDON FOREIGN EXCHANGE

London, Oct. 29. Closing rates were:

New York 2.75/2-2.78/2

Montreal 2.65/2-2.68/2

Brussels 1.20/2-1.28/2

Frankfurt 11.70/2-11.70/2

Paris 9.82/2-10.02/2

Stockholm 12.42/2-12.49/2

Zurich 12.23/2-12.23/2

Others were unchanged.—United Press.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, Oct. 29. Closing rates were:

Canada 1.03/2

England official 2.62-2.63

— 20 day futures 2.62-2.63

— 90 day futures 2.77-2.82

—United Press.

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

New York, Oct. 29. Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead Oct. 102.00

tin Oct. 102.00

CROSSLEY BROTHERS LTD.
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JOHN CLARKES
CASEBOOK

Pick And Choose

A MAN keeping watch on Miranda might have noticed nothing odd about her behaviour as she stood by a counter laden with jumpers and jerseys, in the big store. Certainly the slim, red-headed girl seemed plagued by indecision, as she picked up, put down then picked up again an emerald-coloured cardigan.

But men imagine all women to be torn, as Miranda seemed to be, between desire and prudence, when out shopping on their own.

A man would have shrugged and left. The store-detective watching Miranda, stayed.

THE BAG

BEING a woman she caused somehow that more lay behind Miranda's doubts about the cardigan than met the casual eye.

At last, Miranda restored the cardigan again to the counter, and left the store. The detective followed.

In the street, Miranda began to empty the contents of an old handbag she was carrying into a new one that swung from her arm. A slip of cardboard fell to the pavement. The store-detective picked it up. It was a price-tag from the new handbag.

As the price-tag carried the name of another shop, there was not much more the store-detective could do. She returned to her vigil indoors, carrying the price-tag in her pocket.

SECOND MEETING

A WEEK went by, and then one lunch-hour, Miranda and the store-detective met again — though only one of them knew it.

Once more the store-detective watched as Miranda toyed with the emerald cardigan. There was not much indecision about her now.

When no one seemed to be looking, Miranda thrust the cardigan into a raffia bag she carried, added a jumper for good measure, then hurried away to another department to steal a coat. This time when she left the store, the detective stopped her.

THE FATHER

AT Clerkenwell court, Miranda was another German businessman. Mr Alex Kemper, who refused to give any comment as to how he was treated and what change he was arrested on during his internment in China.

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Mr Kemper, who hails from Cologne, West Germany, went to China in 1925. He was arrested in August 1952, and was released in August this year.

He was formerly with the Reuter, Brockelman and Company, in China.

He later joined Chinese firms as an adviser till his arrest in 1952.

Asked whether he knew what charge Henrich Lippert, another German national imprisoned in China, was on, Mr Kemper said: "I think he was on a charge of espionage."

Says Prison Treatment Was Good

Kurt Meyer, 61-year-old former chief accountant of the Fraser Federal Incorporated, USA, in China, which closed down in 1951, said on his arrival this morning from Communist China after four years in prison, that treatment in prison was "very, very good." "It would be unfair to deny that the treatment was good," he added.

Mr Meyer, who arrived with 31 other refugees, was arrested on June 9, 1952, on charges of violation of foreign currency laws. He said: "I admitted everything. It was all well justified."

When asked whether he was interrogated, Mr Meyer replied calmly: "As usual, there were always interrogations. But I was well treated, that was true," he added.

"When I was arrested, I was quite aware of what charges I was arrested on," he told reporters in a 10-minute interview.

DONE DISCREETLY

Asked whether he was under house arrest, Mr Meyer replied that he was called to the police station. "And it was done in a very discreet way.

There were no handcuffs, and even passers-by would not have known I had been arrested."

Mr Meyer was sentenced to four and half years imprisonment in Tientsin of which he served four years and one month.

He was expelled on parole due to poor health. "I needed special care, that's why they (the Communists) allowed me to return to my wife," he said.

Mr Meyer's wife is still in Tientsin awaiting her exit visa.

Mr R. E. McCann, manager of the Fraser Federal Incorporated, of which Mr Meyer was the chief accountant, was also arrested and is still imprisoned.

Asked whether Mr McCann was under life imprisonment, Mr Meyer replied: "Oh, definitely not. I think they will release him soon."

Mr Meyer, who is from Hamburg, is at present under the care of the German Consulate. He will stay in Hong Kong till his wife arrives, when they will leave for Germany.

NO COMMENT

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Used Private Car As Taxi

The Police caught a man plying a private car for hire when they telephoned for a taxi last Saturday.

At Central this morning, the Police informed the Magistrate, Mr Thomas Tam, that acting on information, they telephoned a certain number, asking for a taxi to be sent to a car in De Vouex, Road Central. A private car No. AA1004 was sent, driven by the defendant, Mr Hing-ho of 8A Castle Road.

Two plain-clothes policemen boarded the car and asked to be taken to an hotel in Causeway Bay. The defendant asked for a fare of \$5 which was paid. When the car arrived at the hotel, the defendant was arrested by Sub-Inspectors Blackburn, Divisional Inspector Mo and Co.

Britons, Americans Advised To Leave

London, Oct. 19. — The British Embassy here today advised Britons to leave, not on general grounds, but on account of the recent disturbances in the city.

The British government, however, has issued a warning to Americans, who are working here, to leave the European Steel Council authority. All Americans, however, were told to leave.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1956.



ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY ON WAY TO CHINA

The Primate of Australia and leader of the Australian Church of England delegation to Communist China, the Most Rev. Dr H. W. K. Mowll, arrived by BOAC from Singapore this morning.

Commissioner Of Police Says ---

IGNORE THOSE RUMOURS

The Commissioner of Police, Mr A. C. Maxwell, stated this morning in answer to enquiries that he is aware that rumours are circulating in the Colony about some sort of trouble occurring tomorrow, October 31.

Mr Maxwell went on to say that the rumours going around were wild and unsubstantiated. There was no doubt in his mind however that they were causing some public concern.

Whatever be the value of the rumours, he said, "— and the ones I have heard carry no mark of the truth—it is not my intention to leave anything to chance. Consequently, the full strength of the Police Force has been mobilised and suitably deployed.

"The best way of treating these rumours is to ignore them and not encourage their growth either by passing them on or allowing them to affect you in any way. I hope everyone will go about their normal business in the ordinary way. This is the most effective way of allaying any unfounded apprehensions.

Disturbance of the peace will not be tolerated. Any potential trouble makers can take warning from the fact that as a result of the recent disturbances there are now over 1,500 persons under arrest, and many serious charges have been laid against them in Court," Mr Maxwell concluded.

Speculator of Traffic, and the \$5 note was taken from him.

The defendant pleaded guilty before Mr Thomas Tam to plying a private car for hire and driving without third party insurance. He was fined a total of \$500 and his licence suspended for 12 months.

He was represented by Pte. Mo and Co.

What made you think of riding in an old car?

MURDER TRIAL: ACCUSED SOLDIER TESTIFIES

Pte Raymond Frederick Shepherd, on trial for the alleged murder of his wife, said at the Criminal Sessions this morning that he did not intend to kill or harm her when he put his hand on her throat.

Shepherd, who became 27 years of age yesterday, said in the witness box that he was trying to show his wife he could be trusted when he did the act, which lasted a few seconds.

A few moments earlier, he said, when he put his hand to her throat, she had told him, "If you do that again, I will never forgive you."

Shepherd, who is from the Army Catering Corps, is alleged to have strangled his wife, Irene May, in their room, No. 309 Melbourne Apartments, on July 31.

He is being tried before Mr Justice T. J. Gould, Senior Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Mayne called the witness.

Shepherd is defended by Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Major J. Shipton-Hughes of the Army Legal Services.

Mr D. F. O. Mayne, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Detective Inspector K. Bodie.

At the outset this morning, Dr T. C. Pang, Police pathologist, was further cross-examined by Mr Wright.

Witness agreed that where a person, such as the deceased, suffered from some sort of heart disease, it would be more likely that she would succumb rapidly if a certain grip was used on her.

In reply to another question, Dr Pang said he came to the conclusion that asphyxia was the main cause of her death.

Crown Counsel asked witness what would happen supposing the pressure on the neck was relaxed before death intervened and while the person was unconscious.

Accused replied, "I had no idea."

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